

## ***REMARKS***

Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116, and reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7-14 are pending. Claims 1 and 8 are independent.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 8-14 are allowed. By this amendment, the allowable subject matter from claim 8 has been incorporated into claim 1 to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner's art grounds of rejection has been rendered moot.

## ***CONCLUSION***

In view of above remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

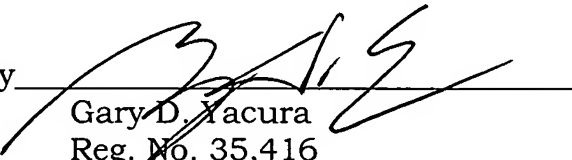
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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